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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 3630

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: NEW SWAPO ARRESTS
ALLEGED

1. A SOURCE IN THE SWAPO OFFICE IN WINDHOEK TOLD US
JUNE 27 THAT OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS THE POLICE HAVE RELEASED
TWO SWAPO MEMBERS BUT PICKED UP FIVER OTHERS. ACCORDING TO
THE SOURCE, THE TWO WHO WERE RELEASED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23,
WERE REGIONAL SWAPO OFFICERS. THE FIVE WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY
DETAINED, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, INCLUDED AN ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY AND THE SWAPO SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT WHO WAS ALSO
AN ACTING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE SOURCE
SAID THAT THOSE DETAINED WERE BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO
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AND SWAPO WAS UNABLE TO LEARN WHETHER THEY WERE BEING
HELD UNDER AG-26 OR THE TERRORISM ACT. THE SOURCE
ALLEGED THAT SWAPO HAD HEARD THAT THE POLICE WERE
HUNTING FOR SEVERAL OTHER PARTY OFFICIALS.

2. DESPITE THE ARRESTS, THE SOURCE SAID, SWAPO WAS
AGAIN INTENSIFYING ITS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING

THE LULL AFTER THE MURDER OF CHIEF KAPUUO AND INITIATION OF
DETENTIONS UNDER AG-26.

THE PARTY, HE SAID, HAD HELD SEVERAL PUBLIC MEETINGS
OVER THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING A GATHERING IN KATUTURA
TOWNSHIP OF APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND. HE SAID THE
RALLIES HAD GONE OFF WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. THIS SOURCE,
AS WELL AS AN NNF OFFICIAL, CONFIRMED THAT KATUTURA HAD
REMAINED CALM OVER THE PAST MONTH.
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